

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

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Control Scenario

(Probability – 50%)

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- GDP growth rises to 6.7% in FY2022 and 3.0% in FY2023
 - ▣ Previous pre-pandemic peak reached in FY2021Q4
 - ▣ COVID-19 vaccination rates outpace spread of new strains
 - ▣ Previous stimulus efforts and \$1.9 trillion American Recovery Plan included in baseline. Forecast does not include \$4 trillion American Jobs Plan or American Family Plan
- Consumer spending surges 6.4% in FY2022 and 4.1% in FY2023, as spending on services continues to increase
- Federal Reserve maintains Federal Funds rates near 0%
- Increases in Brent oil prices, as oil expected to be \$72/bbl by FY2022Q1, easing to \$65 by FY2023Q2

Control Scenario Transitory Assumptions

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- Several assumptions in the control scenario assumed to be transitory
 - ▣ Inventory building – Disrupted supply chains have lead to record low ratio of inventories to sales, and rebuilding inventories will significantly add to GDP over first two quarters of FY2022
 - ▣ Inflation – Recent inflation pressures expected to slow, or even reverse, as supply chains recover and labor force participation increases
 - ▣ Motor Vehicles – Resolving of supply chain issues will allow production levels to return to normal levels, resulting in decrease in PCE price index for vehicles, vehicle parts, and used vehicles
 - ▣ Federal Fiscal Policy –
 - Enhanced unemployment ends for all states in September, 2021; half of the states have already withdrawn from emergency unemployment programs
 - ARP expanded child tax credit and IRS is sending half of the credit in monthly installments through December, 2021

Optimistic Scenario

(Probability – 30%)

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- GDP growth increases to 8.3% in FY2022 and 3.4% in FY2023
 - ▣ Consumer response to recent \$1.9 trillion in stimulus exceeds baseline forecast
 - ▣ Widespread vaccination and adherence to safety guidelines results in significantly quicker decline in new COVID cases and deaths
- Employment increases by 5.1% in FY2022
- Unemployment rate down to 4.0% by FY2022Q4
- Real Consumer Spending increase by 8.2% in FY2022
- Unit sales of light vehicles continues robust growth of 6.5% in FY2022
- Global economy recovers from COVID impacts more quickly than baseline forecast

Pessimistic Scenario

(Probability – 20%)

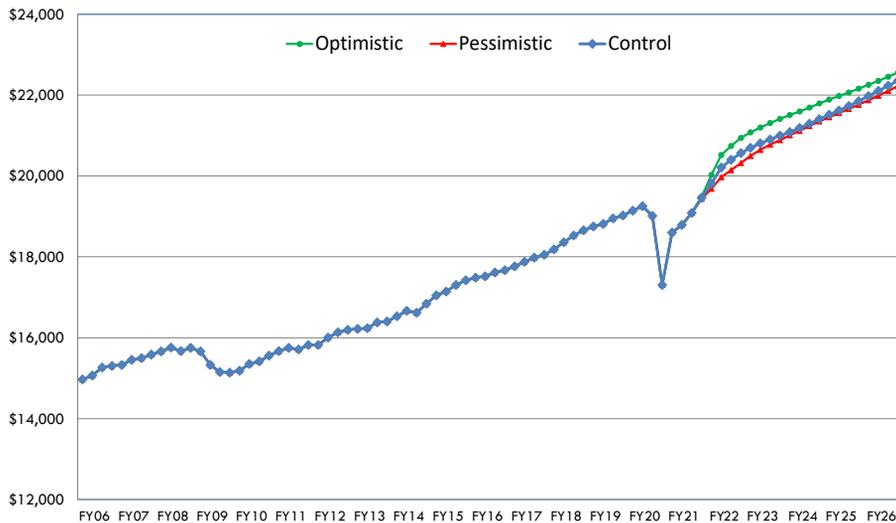
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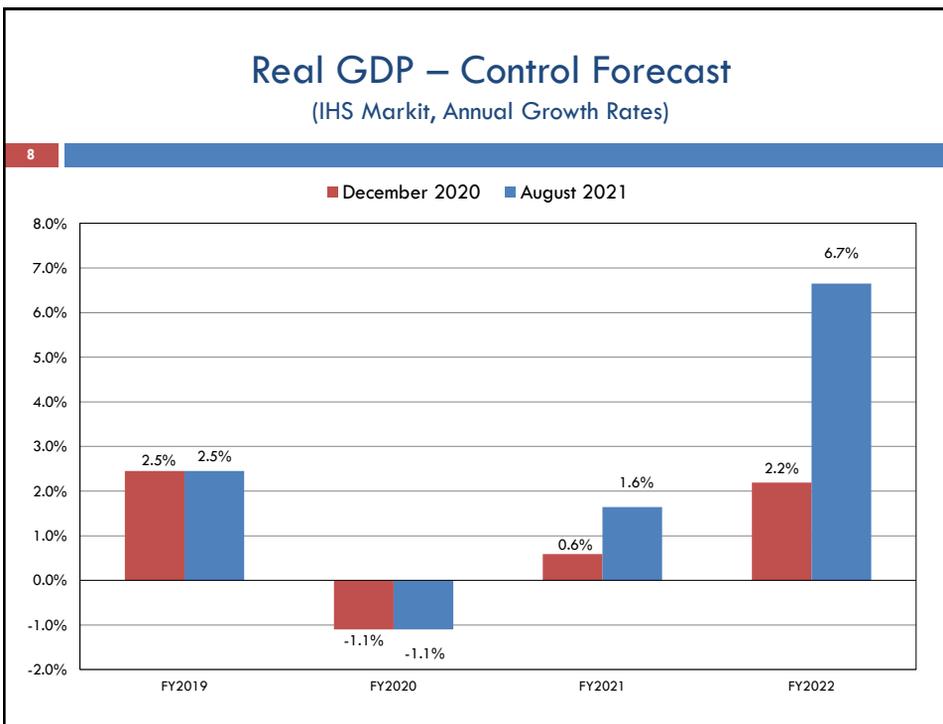
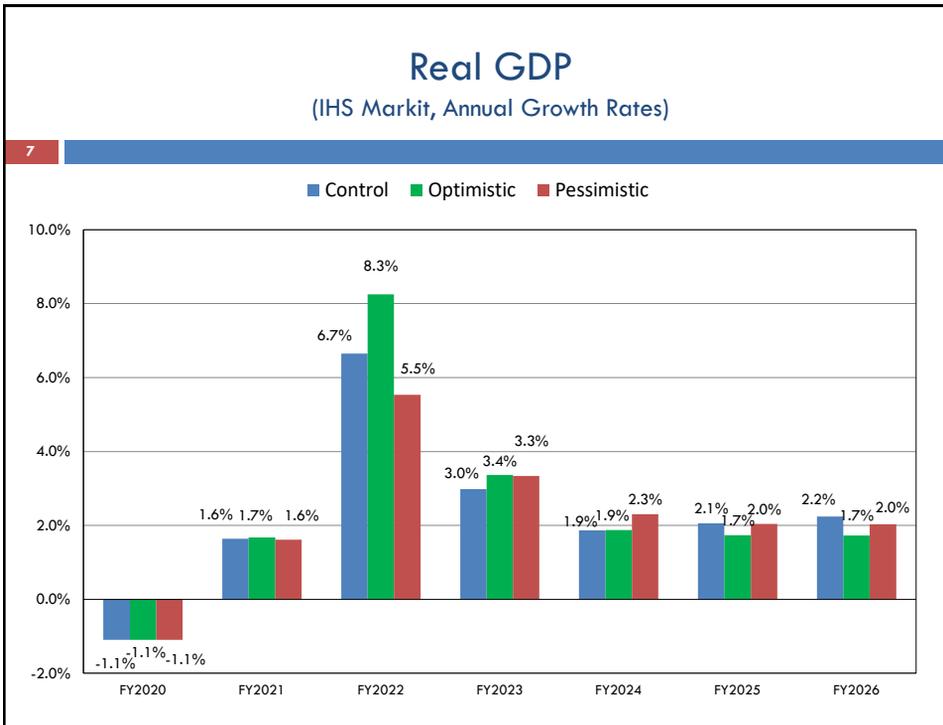
- GDP growth rises to 5.5% in FY2022 and 3.3% in FY2023
 - ▣ Pace of vaccinations slows delaying “herd immunity”
 - ▣ New, more contagious COVID strains become dominate source of COVID cases, resulting in return of caution by consumers and slower pace of growth and spending
- Consumer spending increases 5.0% in FY2022 and 4.6% in FY2023, as spending is tempered
- Employment increases by 4.1% in FY2022
- Unemployment rate down to 4.8% by FY2022Q4
- Real Consumer Spending increases by 5.0% in FY2022
- Global economy continues to experience setbacks in recovering from COVID-related impacts

Real GDP

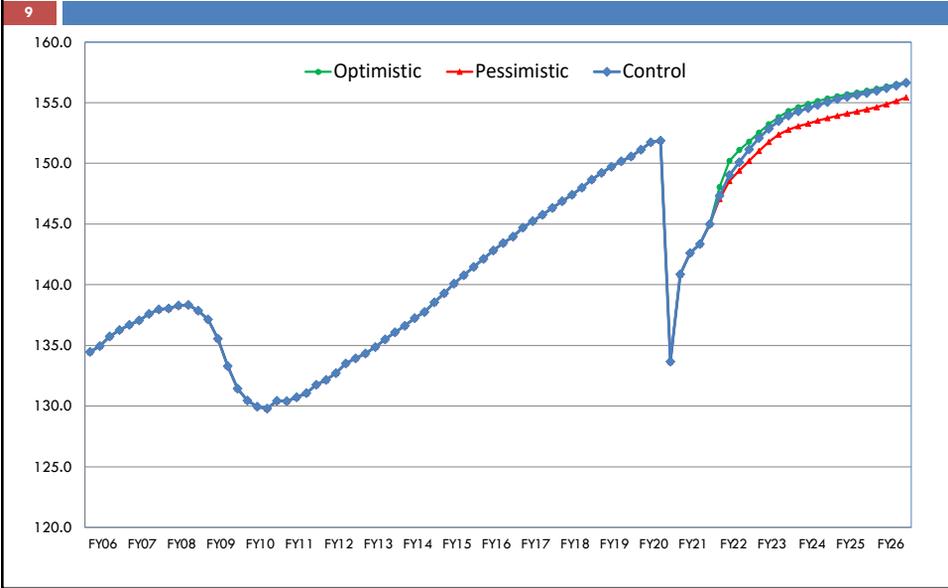
(Billions of Chained 2012 Dollars, Annual Rate, BEA)

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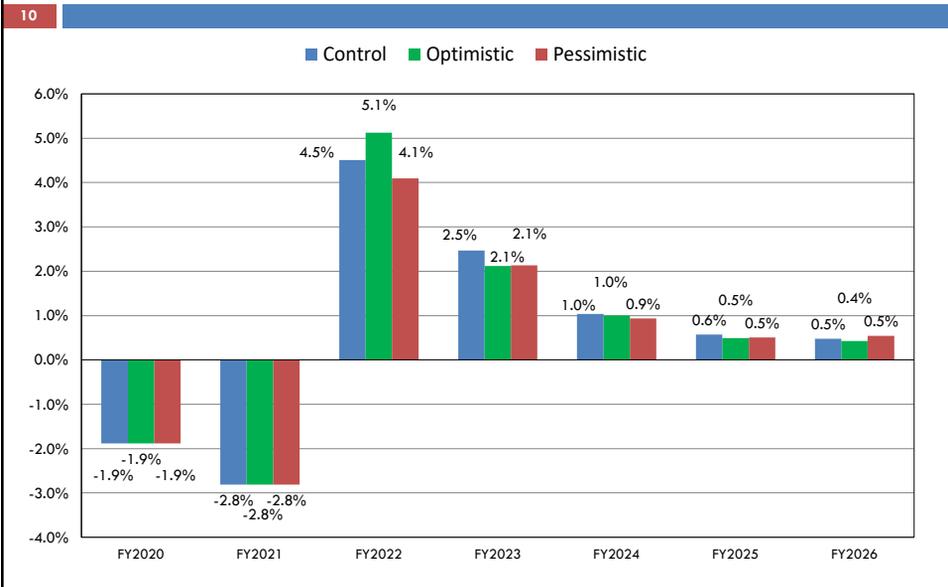


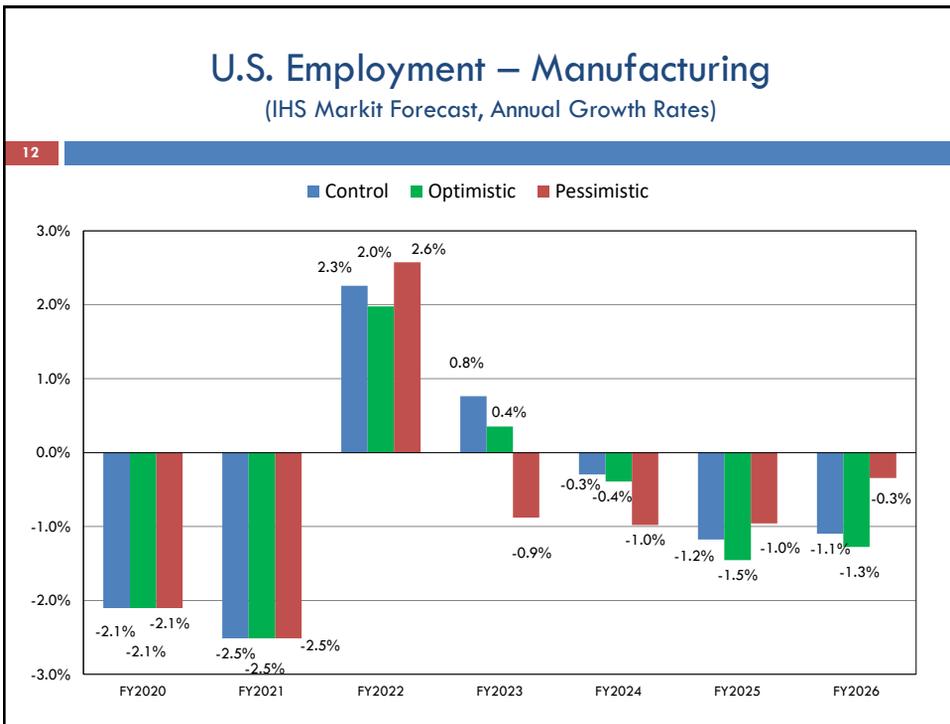
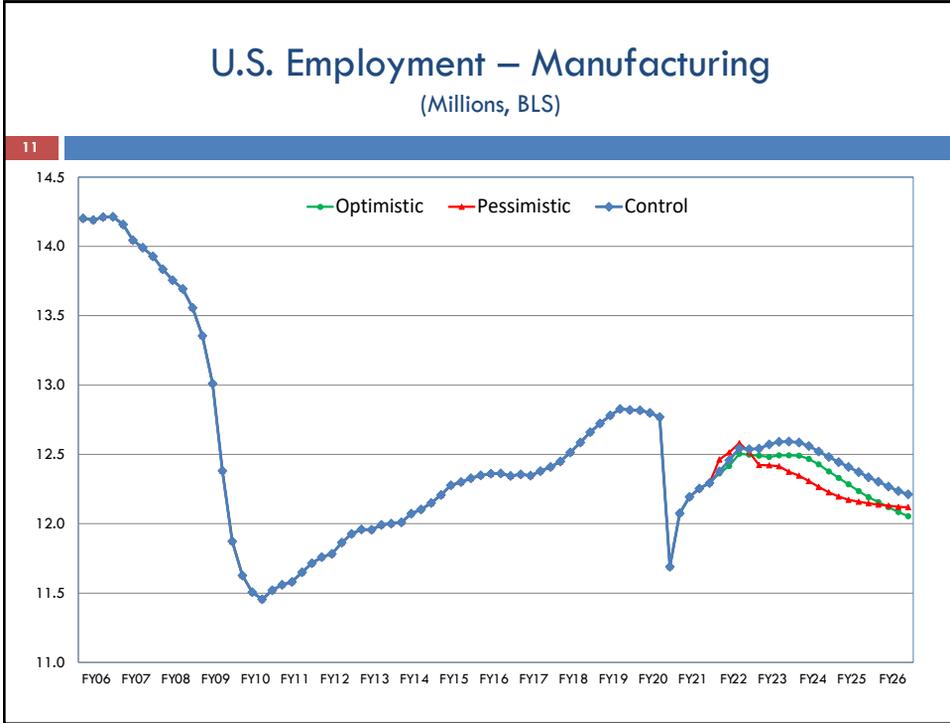


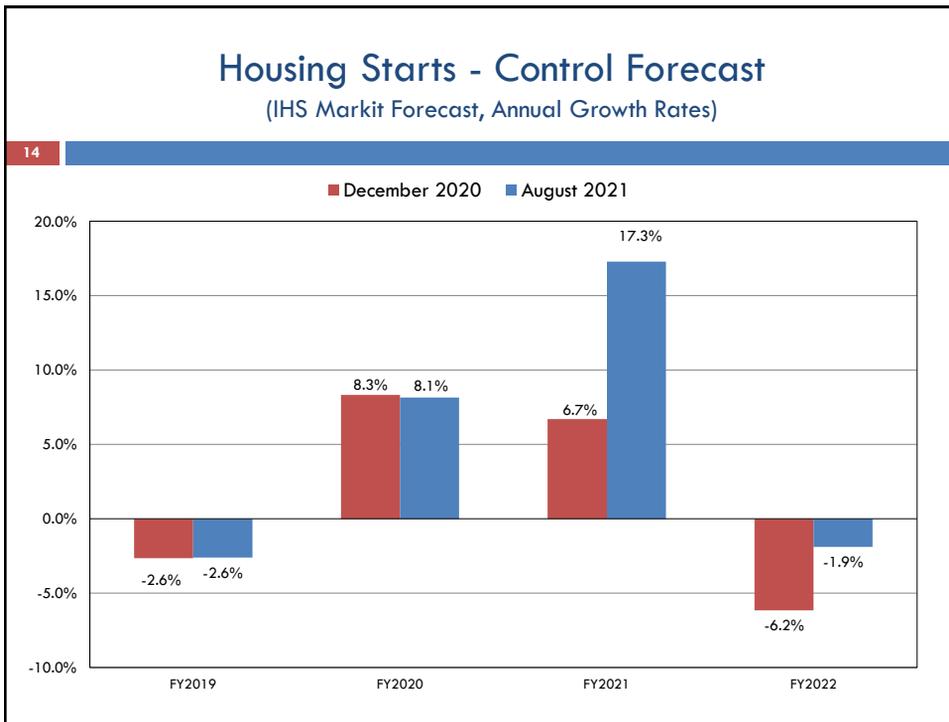
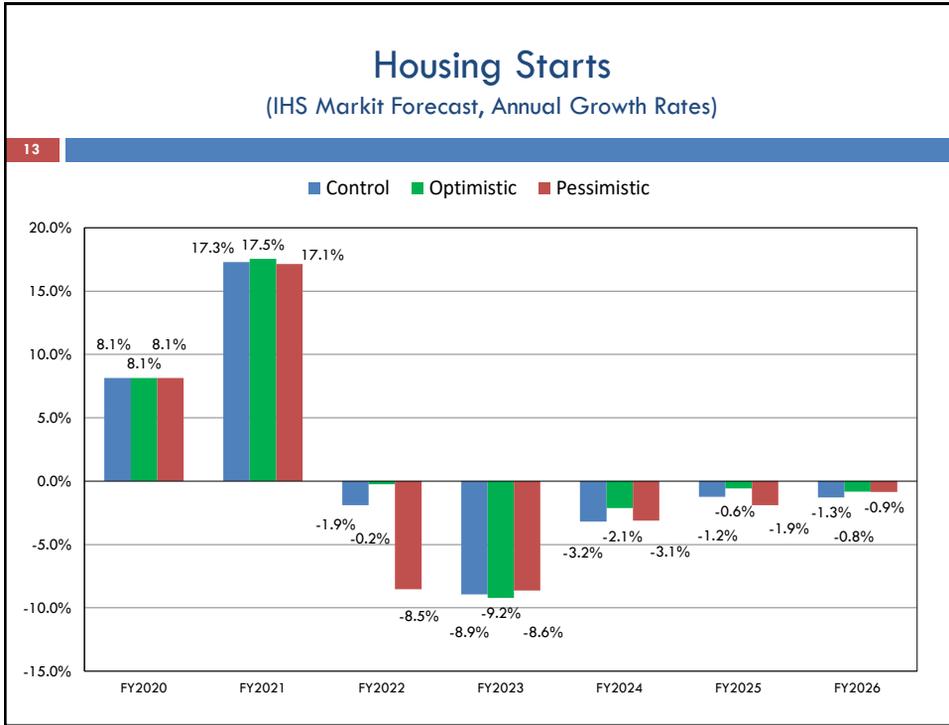
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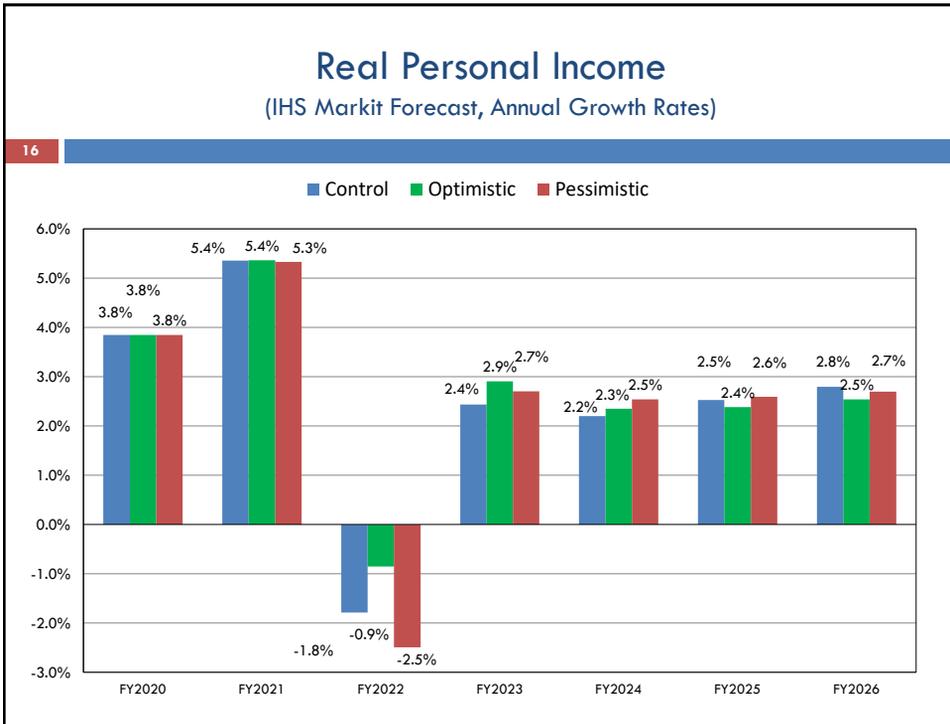


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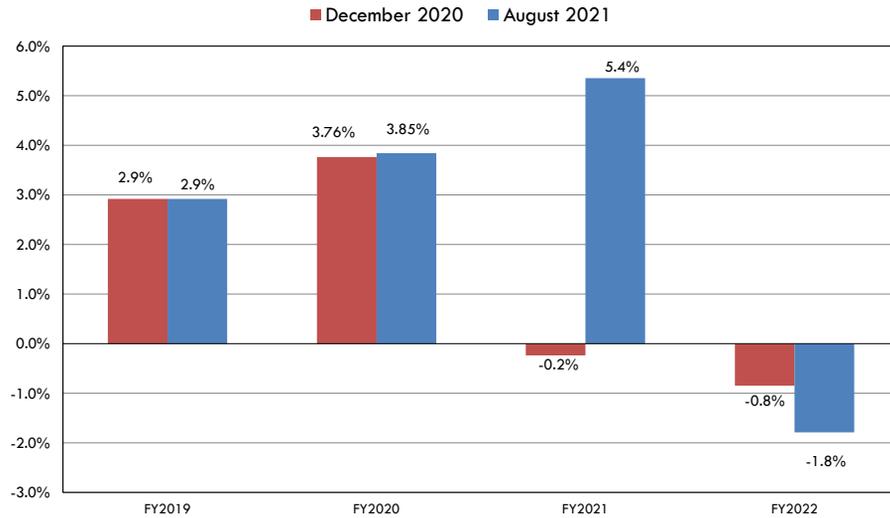




Real Personal Income - Control Forecast

(IHS Markit Forecast, Annual Growth Rates)

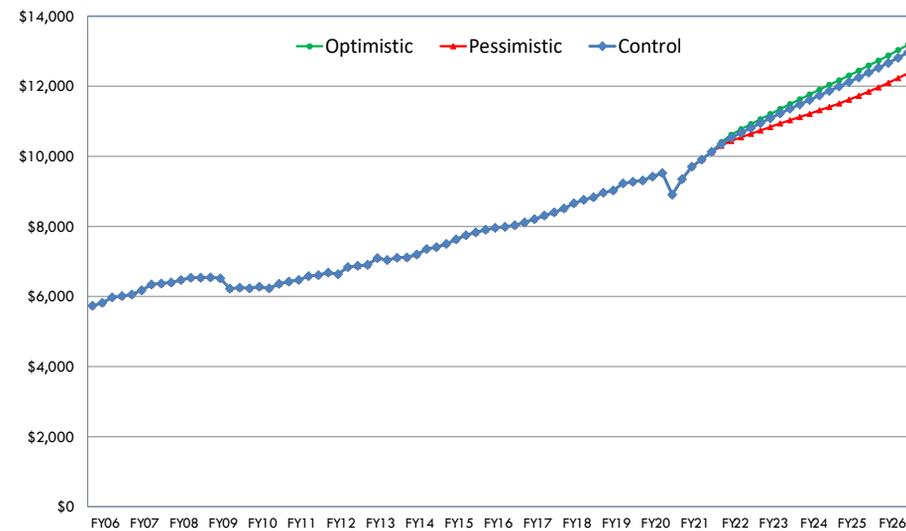
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Wage and Salary Disbursements

(Billions of Dollars, Annual Rate, BEA)

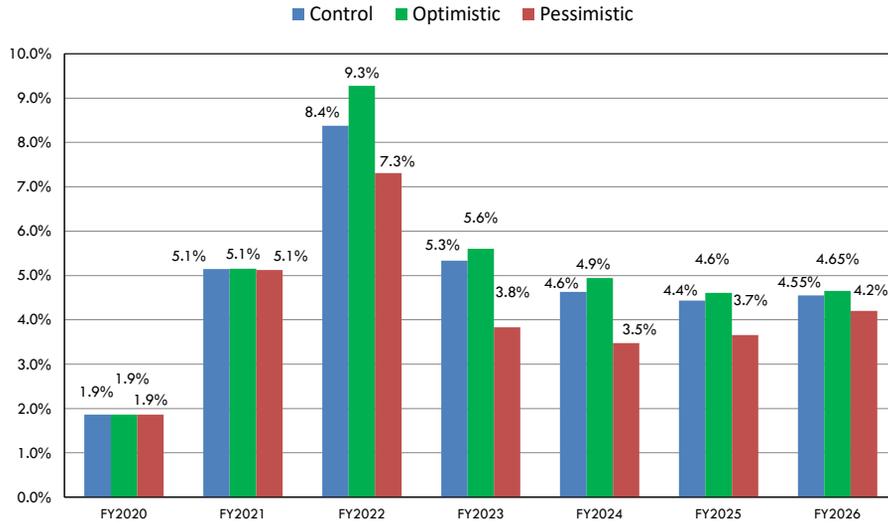
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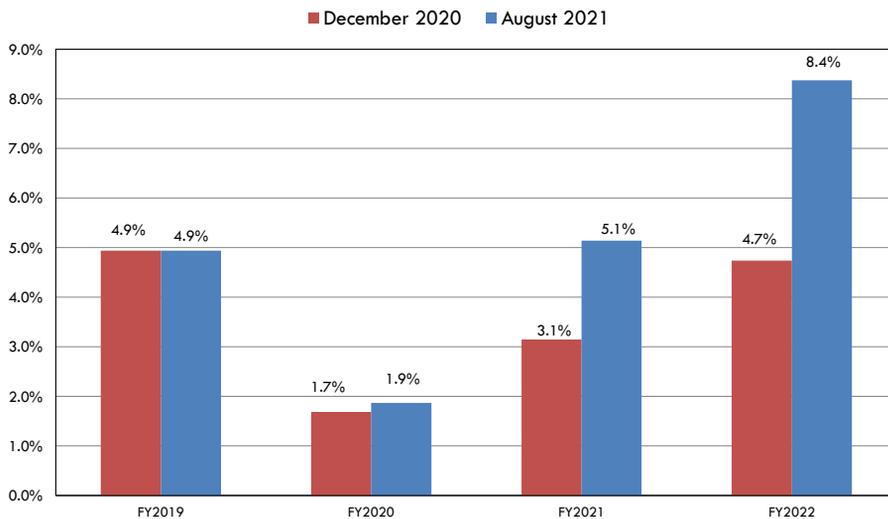
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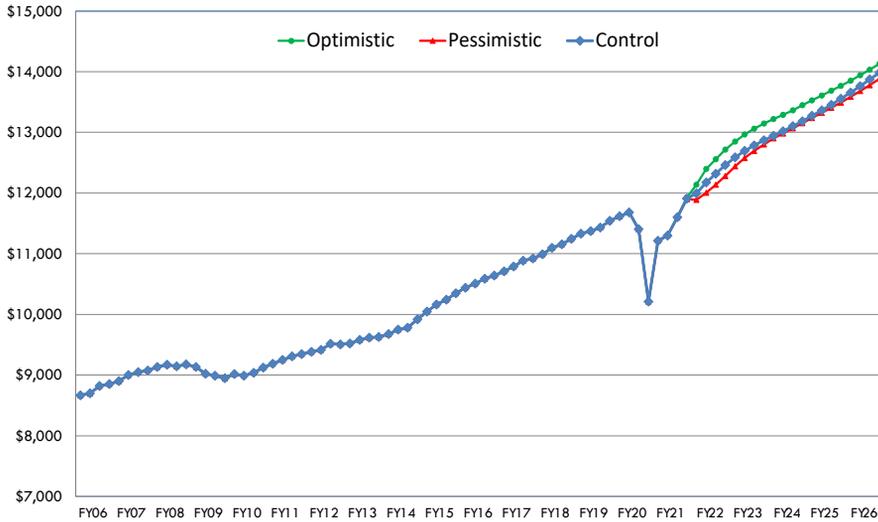
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Real Consumer Spending (Excluding Food and Energy)

(Billions of 2012 Dollars, Annual Rate, BEA)

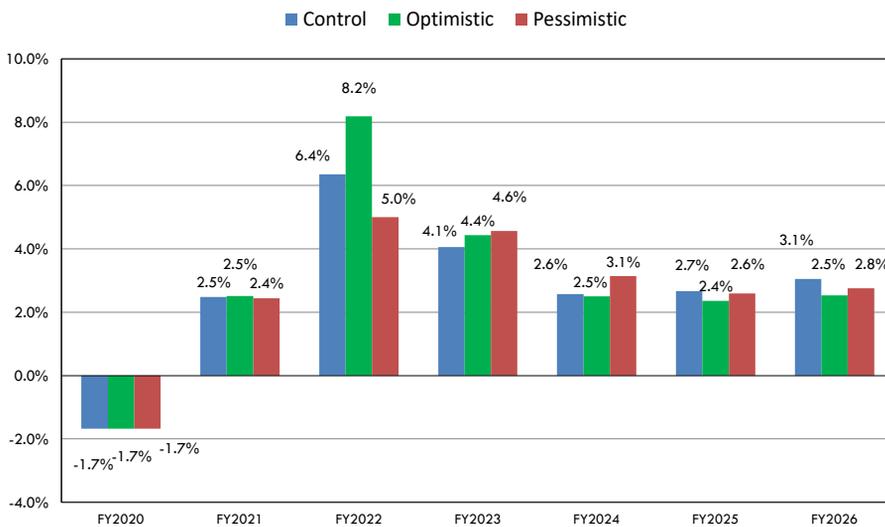
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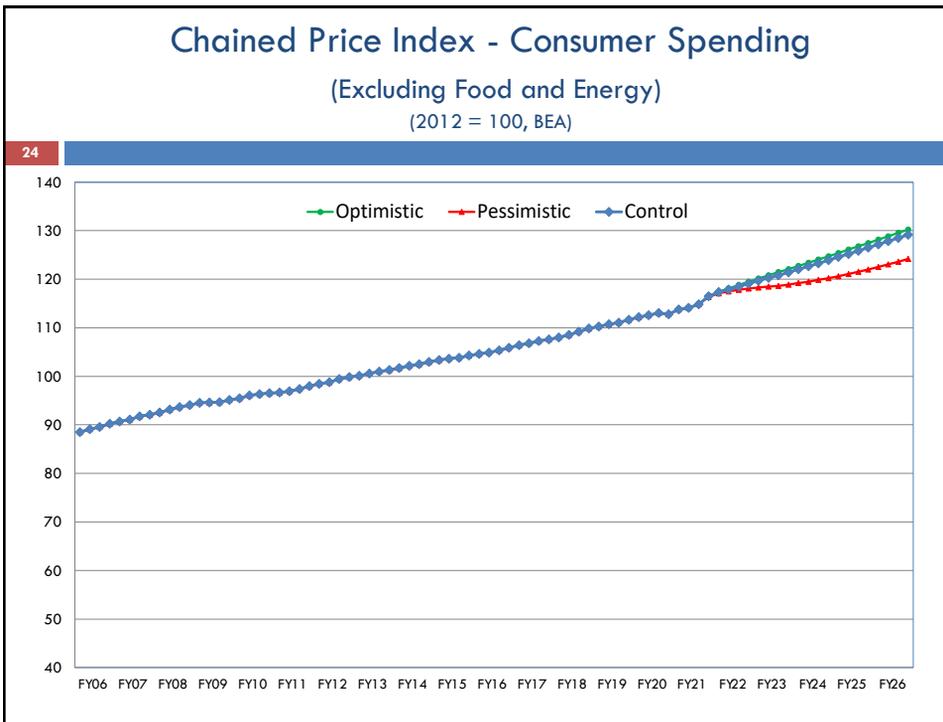
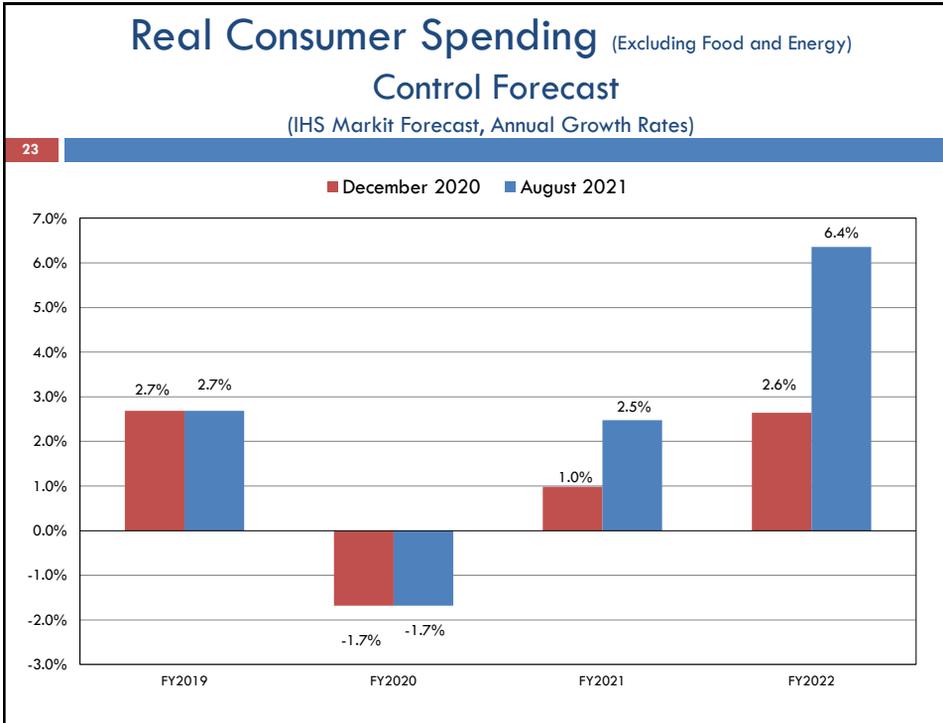


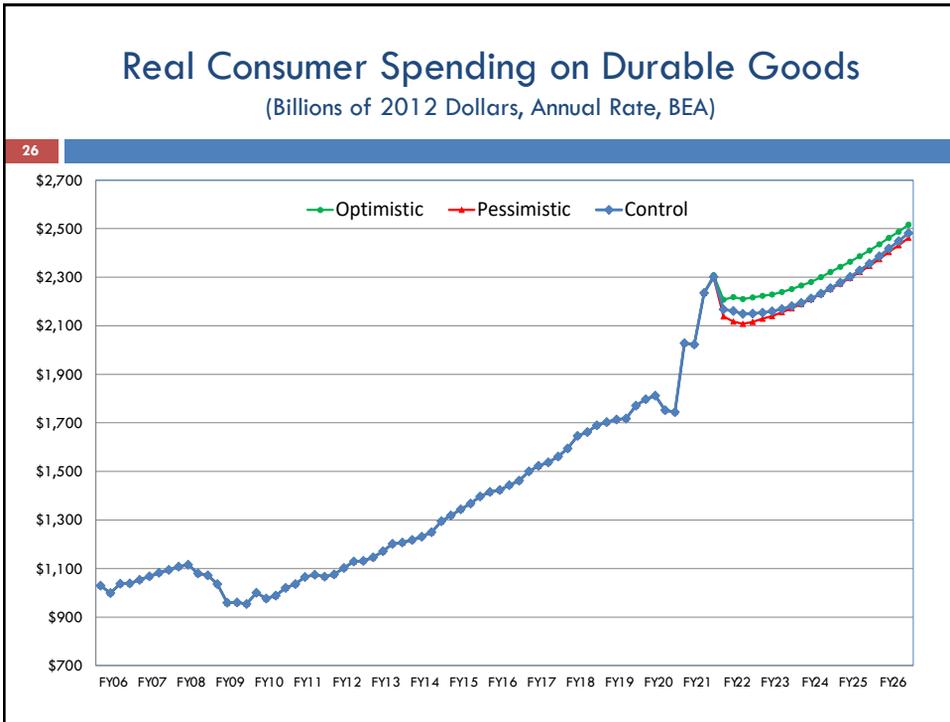
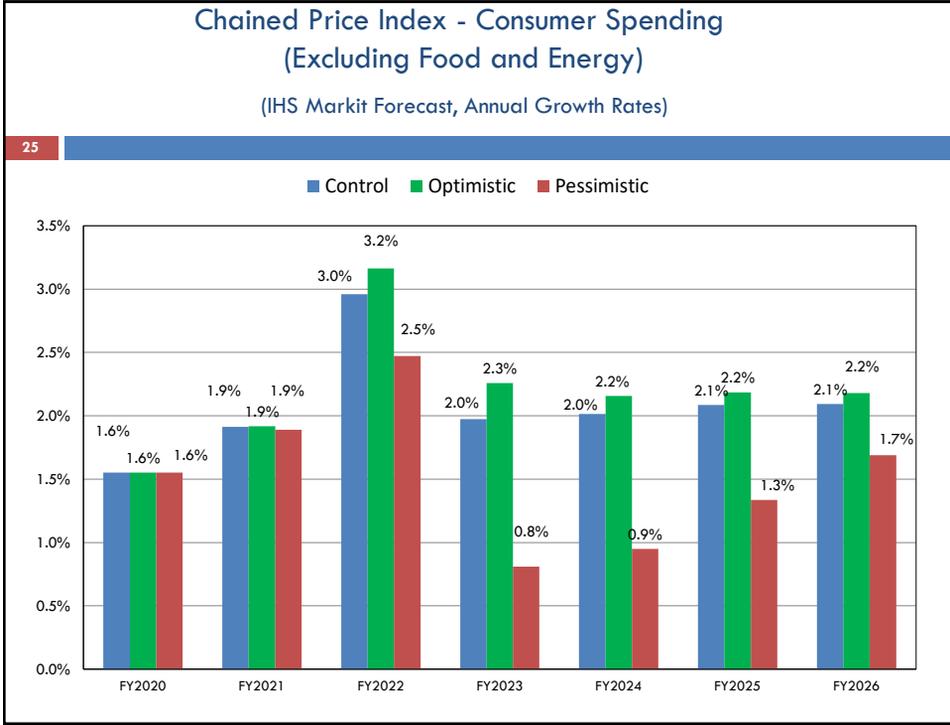
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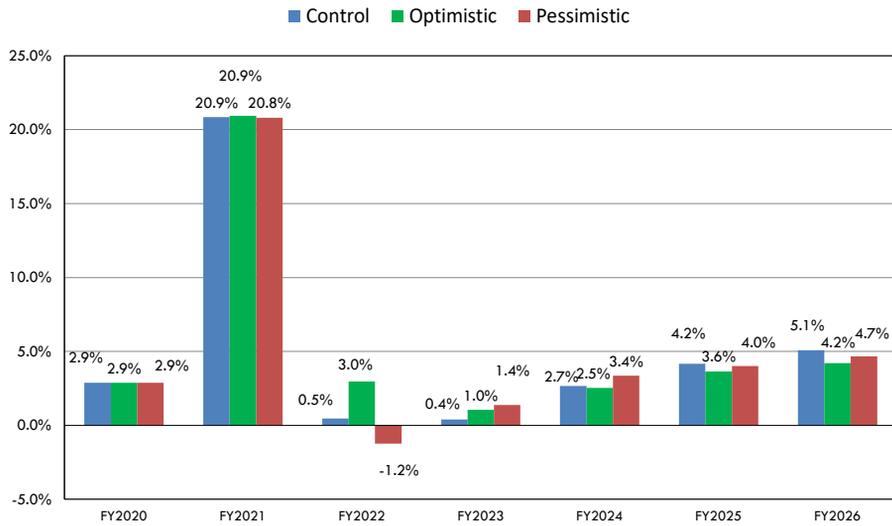




Real Consumer Spending on Durable Goods

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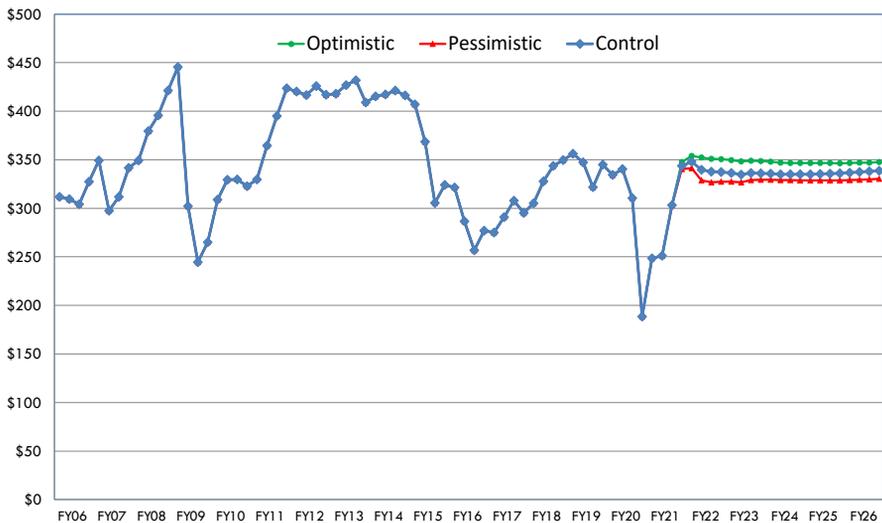
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Nominal Consumption of Gasoline and Oil

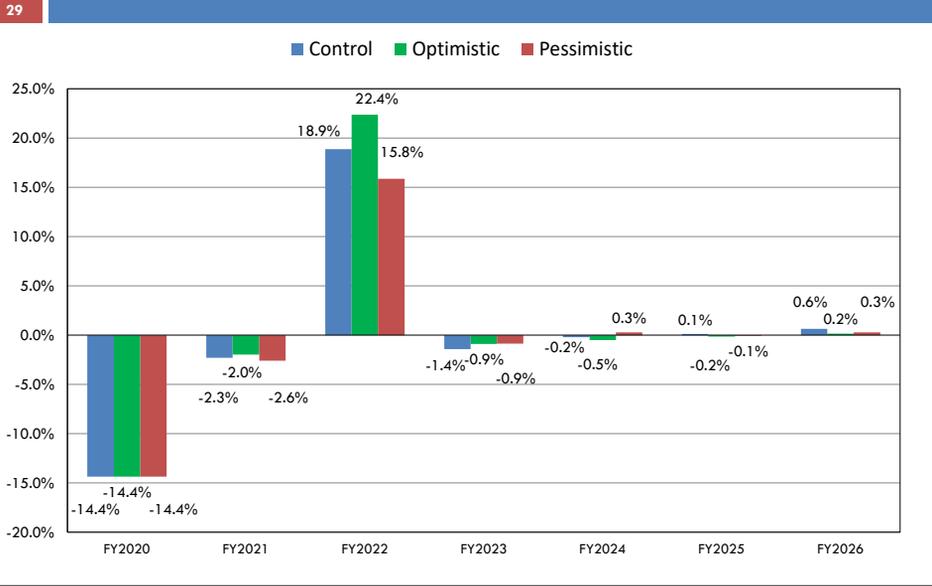
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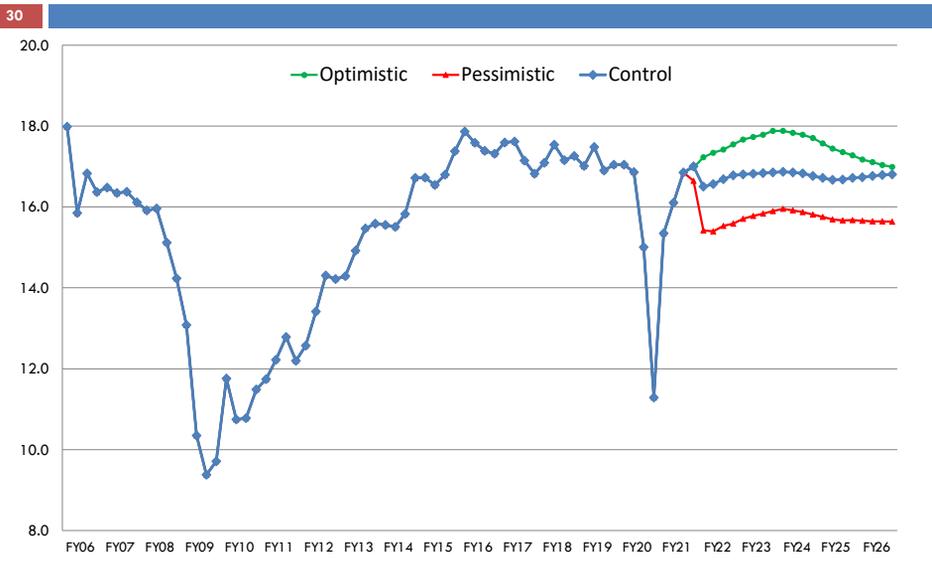
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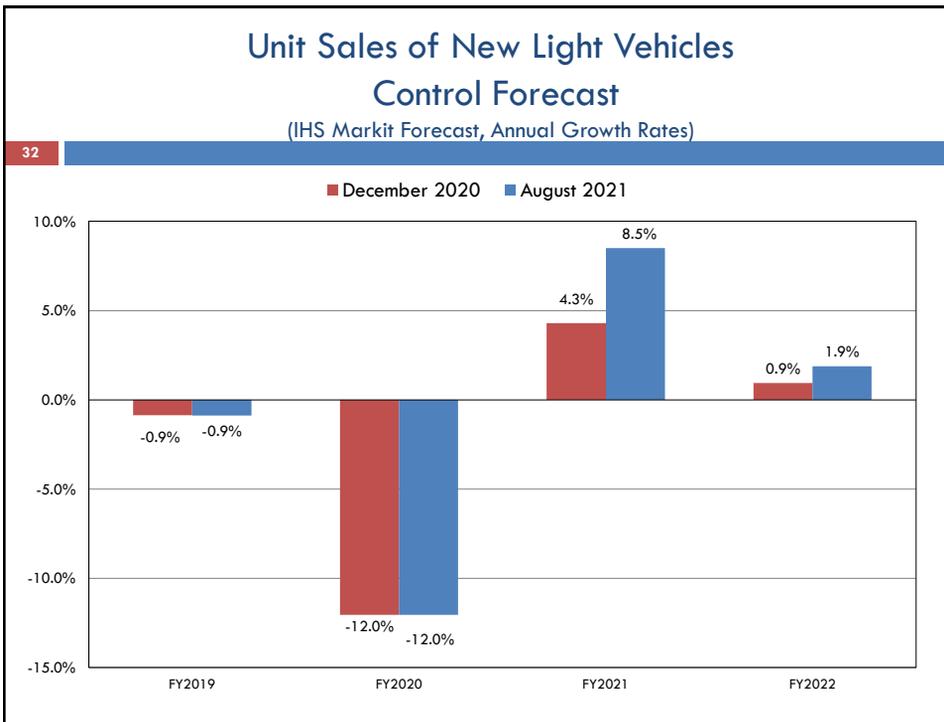
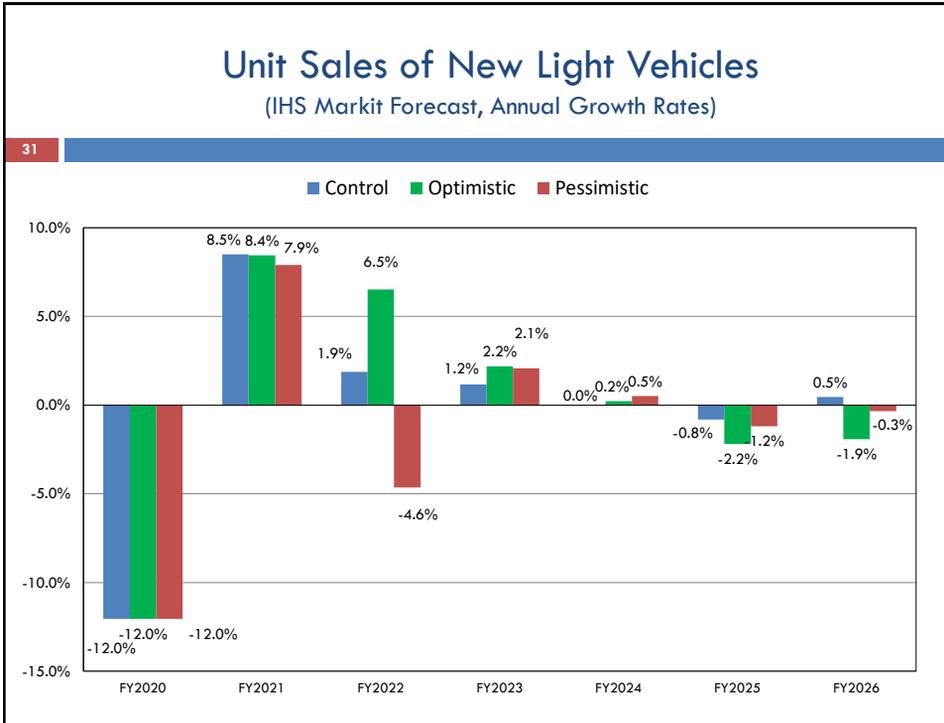
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Unit Sales of New Light Vehicles

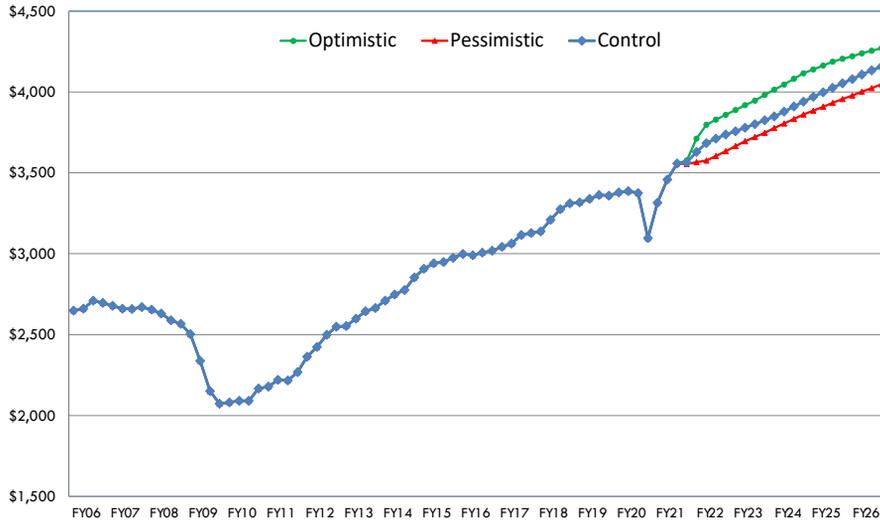
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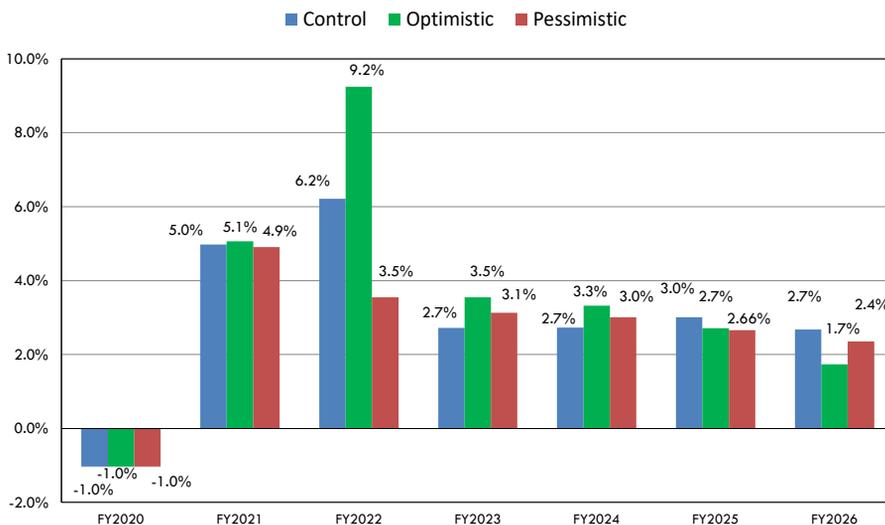
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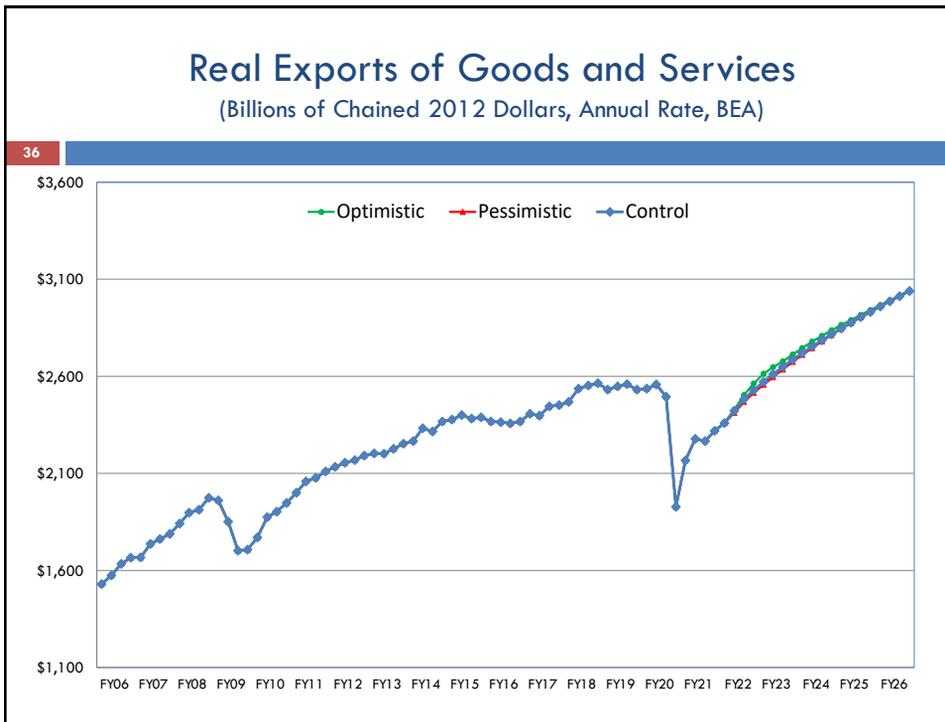
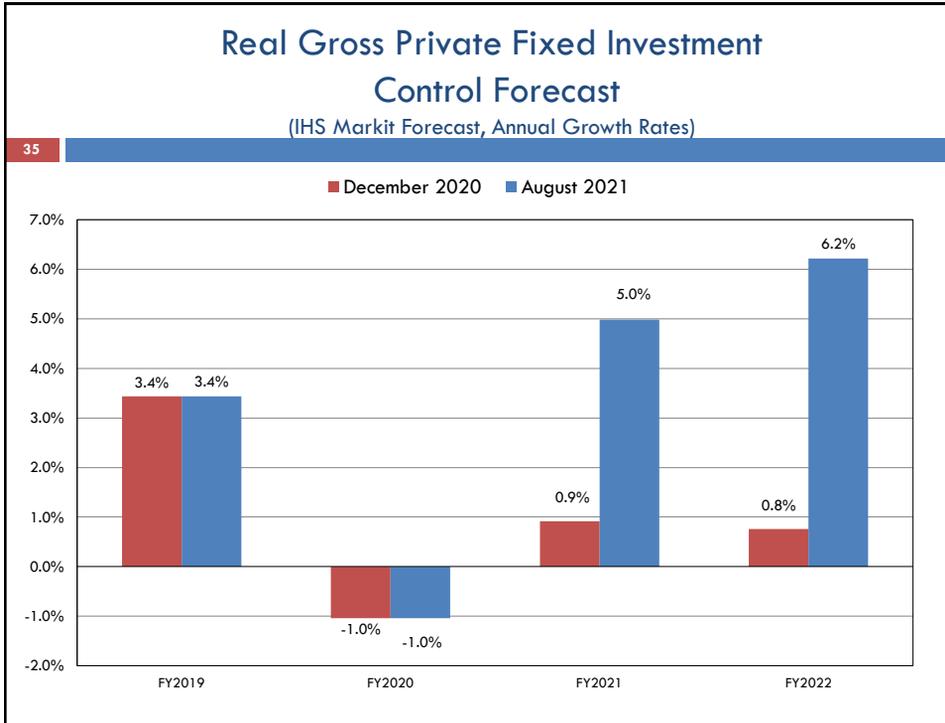
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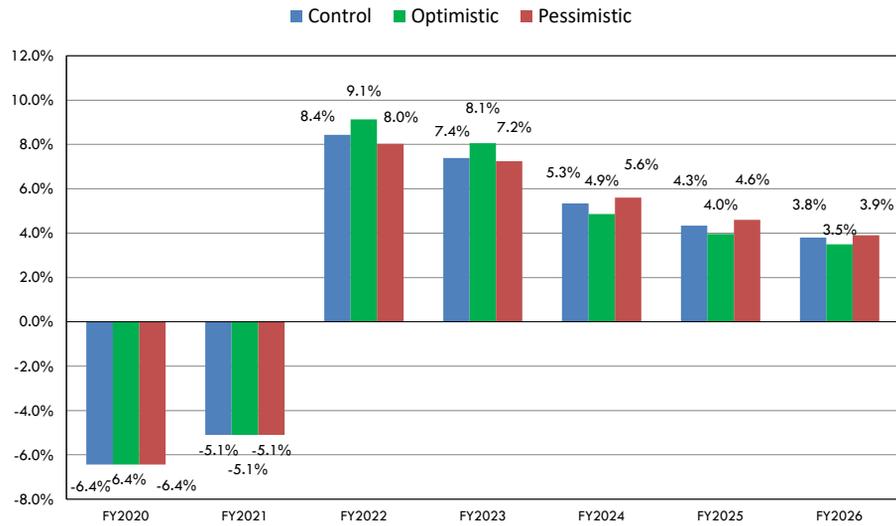




Real Exports of Goods and Services

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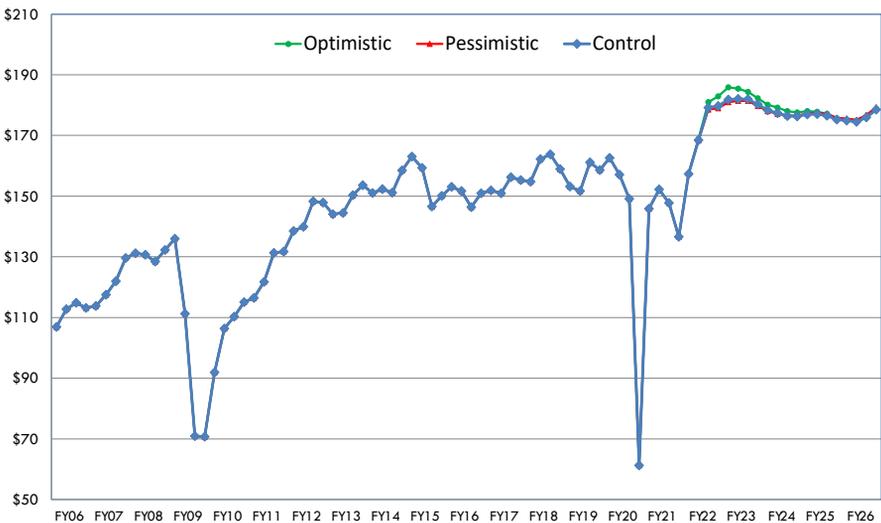
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Real Exports of Motor Vehicles and Parts

(Billions of Chained 2012 Dollars, Annual Rate, BEA)

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